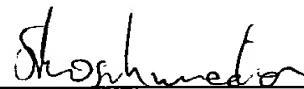


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended herein for clarity. The amendment to Claim 1 does not raise any new issues for consideration and does not change the scope of allowed/amended Claim 1. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and the passage of all now-pending claims to Issue.

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